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August 27, 2003

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for
Declaratory Ruling Regarding Planning and Development of
Weston 4 Base Load Coal Electric Generating Facility

6690-DR-107

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Wednesday, September 3, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.
Conference Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the petition of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (“WPSC”), filed on May 1, 2003, for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.41 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.07. In the petition, WPSC seeks the Commission’s declaration that it is prudent for the company to proceed with the development of the Weston 4 coal plant alternative through certification, and to incur up to \$71 million in pre-certification expenses and pre-construction costs during the pre-certification period, in order to ensure an adequate, reliable, and low cost supply of energy for its customers towards the end of this decade. WPSC further requests authorization to include a current return on the pre-construction cost balance associated with Weston 4 beginning in 2004 at WPSC’s overall cost of capital

The Commission issued a Notice of Proceeding, in response to the petition, on June 26, 2003. In the Notice of Proceeding, the Commission solicited comments on the issues presented in the Petition and permitted interested persons to request to intervene and request a contested case. The following filed requests to intervene: Citizens’ Utility Board (CUB), Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group (WIEG), Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), Stora Enso North America (Stora Enso), Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC), Wausau-Mosinee Paper Corporation (Wausau-Mosinee), Wisconsin Paper Council (WPC), Badger Power Marketing Cooperative (BPMA), Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW), LS Power Associates (LS Power), Renew Wisconsin, Great Lakes Utilities (GLU), Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) and Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI). All of the foregoing, with the exception of WEPCO, DPC, Renew, Stora Enso, MEUW and Wausau-Mosinee, filed comments along with their requests to intervene. CUB requested a contested case.

The Commission considered the requests to intervene, the comments and the request of CUB for a contested case at the Commission's open meeting of August 20, 2003. The Commission voted to grant the requests to intervene and the request for a contested case. In accordance with those votes, the Notice of Proceeding is hereby amended as follows:

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3) (a). The parties are: WPSC, CUB, WIEG, WEPCO, Stora Enso, DPC, Wausau-Mosinee, WPC, BPMA, MEUW, LS Power, Renew Wisconsin, GLU, WP&L and WPPI.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Wednesday, September 3, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Candice Spanjar at (608) 267-9537.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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